

Indiana Department of Natural Resources

Division of Fish & Wildlife

Wabash River Conservation Area Frequently Asked Questions

- **When is your office open?**

Wabash River Conservation Area is co-managed by [Deer Creek FWA](#) & [Goose Pond FWA](#). Deer Creek office hours are Monday through Thursday, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Eastern time. Goose Pond office hours are Tuesday through Thursday, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Sugar Creek Conservation Area is co-managed by [Deer Creek FWA](#) & [Turkey Run State Park](#). Deer Creek FWA office hours are Monday through Thursday, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Eastern time. Turkey Run office hours are Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Austin Bottoms Conservation Area is co-managed by [Crosley FWA](#) & [Hardy Lake](#). Crosley office hours are Monday through Friday 7:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Hardy lake office hours are Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

- **Do you allow deer stands to be put up on the property?**

Tree stands are allowed to be up overnight between Sept. 1 and Jan. 10.

- **What time do I need to be there for the reserved hunt or drawing?**

There are no draws for reserved hunting.

- **When is the trapping drawing?**

There is no draw for trapping.

- **Can I hunt mushrooms on the property and do I have to sign in?**

Mushroom hunting is permitted on the property, seven days a week. Signing in is not required. During spring turkey season, mushroom hunting isn't permitted until after noon.

- **Do I have to sign in to scout, fish, hike or wildlife watch?**

No.

- **Is there a shooting range on this property and is there a fee to use it?**

There isn't a gun range on this property.

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- **Does this property offer any special youth hunting/shooting events?**
Healthy River's INitiative properties allow youth to hunt during the special youth seasons throughout the year.
- **Can I use a bonus antlerless license on HRI land?**
Currently no bonus antlerless permits are allowed on Wabash & Sugar Creek Conservation Areas. However, portions of Austin Bottoms Conservation Area do allow the use of bonus antlerless licenses. See map (then have a link to the attached AB map that needs some edits yet which I think I have already sent to you for review & where I tried to explain the needed edits).